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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT/BUY NATIONAL POLICIES: PROPOSED  
GAO REVIEW

REF: A. TOKYO 5696; B. CA5816 (NOV 17, 1970)

SUMMARY EMBASSY SUBMITS ITS VIEWS CONCERNING PROPOSED  
GAO STUDY AND VISIT TO TOKYO, WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO  
CONSIDER IN WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. END  
SUMMARY.

1. EMB APPRECIATES DEPT'S PROMPT RECOGNITION OF NEED TO  
REVIEW TIMING, LOCUS AND SCOPE OF PROPOSED GAO AUDIT OF  
JAPANESE BUY-NATIONAL POLICIES. NOTWITHSTANDING SOME  
PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED HERE WITH RECENT GAO VISITS, EMBASSY  
IS ALWAYS WILLING WITH REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE TO COOPERATE  
WITH GAO AUDIT ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY COORDINATED  
IN WASHINGTON.

2. WE OFFER FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE IN WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WITH  
GAO.

A. BEST SOURCE MATERIAL ON JAPAN'S (AND OTHER  
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES') BUY-NATIONAL/GOVT-PROCUREMENT  
POLICIES IS IN NATIONAL SUBMISSIONS TO OECD AND SECRETARIAT  
ANALYSIS THEREOF OVER PAST 6 YEARS OR MORE. EMBASSY FILES  
DO NOT CONTAIN THIS MATERIAL. MOST WE COULD DO WOULD BE  
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TO SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS (BUT  
SEE PARA C BELOW) WHO MIGHT WELL WONDER WHY BASIC INFO  
BEING SOUGHT BY ORAL INTERVIEWS WHEN READILY AVAILABLE  
IN OECD DOCUMENTATION.

B. US HOPE OF BRINGING OECD EXERCISE INTO MTN ON  
GROUNDS BE HANDLED IN CONTEXT OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE  
ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY GAO AUDIT OF JAPANESE PRACTICES.  
GOJ ALSO LIKELY TO BE EVEN MORE CIRCUMSPECT THAN USUAL IN  
RESPONDING TO GAO INQUIRIES BECAUSE OF KNOWN US INTEREST  
IN MAKING IT AN MTN ISSUE.

C. EMBASSY NOTES PARA 6 REF B STATES QTE GAO REPS SHOULD  
HAVE NO NEED TO CONSULT HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS OR AGENCIES  
UNQTE ANDQTE SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM DOING SO UNQTE.

D. PREFERABLE COURSE OF ACTION, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD BE TO  
GIVE GAO ACCESS ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO BASIC OECD  
SOURCE MATERIAL REVIEW EFFORTS OVER RECENT YEARS TO GET  
AGREEMENT ON AN OECD CODE IN THIS AREA. AND POSSIBLE SHIFT  
TO MTN. IF, AFTER STUDY OF BASIC INFO ON JAPANESE  
PRACTICES GAO HAS SPECIFIC QUERIES, WE COULD  
ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN THEM FROM GOJ IF WASH FILES DO NOT  
ALREADY CONTAIN ANSWER.  
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